



## Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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**NETForce Meeting Date: September 22, 2017**

**Please provide a bulleted synopsis of major activities and projects in which you or your organization are engaged that you would like to share with the group.**

YEBO is gearing up for the school year, booking dates for elementary, middle school and high school, classroom or out of school educational offerings. If interested in partnering/hosting a program, contact the following people:

**TEC Box** curriculum incorporated team building and non-cognitive entrepreneurial skill development through multiple small team exercises. Through the four sessions, students gain greater understanding of their customer by using active listening and designing their product with the customer in mind. TEC box is designed for 3-5 grade students. Contact Jacie Milius, [jacie.milius@unl.edu](mailto:jacie.milius@unl.edu).

**INVENTURE Day** is designed for middle-school aged youth. The goal is to increase entrepreneurial identity and mindset amongst youth, as well as increase community collaboration through adult mentorship. INVENTURE Day is an out of class activity, offered within the school or at a convenient location for multiple smaller school attendance. During the day, youth are placed in teams of five at their business "HQ". Each team member chooses one of the roles related to careers in business and entrepreneurship. Adult business owners/leaders from the community join each team, providing support and mentoring to the team members. After the teams have been established, youth are introduced to a "widget" that is unknown to them.

Teams are provided time to creatively ideate and come up with a new and innovate use for their widget. Students then attend four "Factory Stations" in which they are guided through hands-on activities to develop their idea and business. Combined with the knowledge and experience from the Factory Stations youth work on their final product concept. The day culminates with guest business leaders from the local community judging team quick pitches. All participants are encouraged to vote for a "fan favorite" in addition to the judges pick for top three business concepts and pitches. Contact Megan Burda, [megan.burda@unl.edu](mailto:megan.burda@unl.edu)

**EntrepreneurShip Investigation (ESI)** goes digital! Currently in the pilot phase, the tried and true ESI curriculum is now available for schools/programs that have digital capabilities and interests. Contact Nancy Eberle, [neberly@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:neberly@mainstaycomm.net); or Dagen Valentine, [dvalentine1@unl.edu](mailto:dvalentine1@unl.edu);

**Dream, Design and Deliver: A 3-D Blueprint for Innovation** is available for high school classrooms that want the highly interactive, digital experience. Through the curriculum youth learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur and develop a dynamic business plan. Contact Nancy Eberle, [neberly@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:neberly@mainstaycomm.net);

**Adult Education:** In collaboration with Humboldt, the Partners for Program/Stronger Economies Together program received USDA RBDG grant for small business training in 4-5 southeast NE counties over the next year. Will conduct comprehensive business needs survey, deliver applicable trainings and host a regional tourism conference in Spring 2018. Will be looking for training partners once topics are confirmed. Contact Marilyn Schlake, [mschlake1@unl.edu](mailto:mschlake1@unl.edu)

**Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)  
Please provide date, event title and web links to information:**

Upcoming INVENTURE DAY workshops;

- York Public Schools, October 24. Contact Megan Burda, [megan.burda@unl.edu](mailto:megan.burda@unl.edu).
- Loup City, October 26. Contact Kayla Hinrichs, [khinrichs3@unl.edu](mailto:khinrichs3@unl.edu)

ESI Capitol Contest – Announcing soon – Accepting Applications. Event to be held, January 17, 2018. Contact Dagen Valentine, [dvalentine2@unl.edu](mailto:dvalentine2@unl.edu); Marilyn Schlake, [mschlake1@unl.edu](mailto:mschlake1@unl.edu)